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COVID effect

Rs. 50 lakh development fund unlikely for 65 Wards

Mysuru, Oct.6 (PM&SSV)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde has hinted that it will be difficult for the Corporation to release Rs. 50 lakh to every Ward for development works in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

He was replying to members over the status of fund release to all 65 MCC Wards in city at the General Council Meeting of the MCC held here this morning.

Corporator B.V. Manjunath (BJP) said development works in all Wards have come to a standstill due to delay in release of funds promised by Mayor Tasneem in one of the previous meetings. Now, it was learnt that the file pertaining to release of Rs. 50 lakh for each Ward has been held back by the MCC Commissioner. Such promise should not have been made by the Mayor in the Council meeting if it cannot be fulfilled, he said.

When other members demanded a statement from the Mayor in this regard, she asked the Commissioner to reply.

Mayor Tasneem appealing members to calm down following a heated discussion at the Council meeting this morning as MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and Dy. Mayor C. Sridhar look on.

The Commissioner said the civic body required Rs. 32.50 crore to release Rs. 50 lakh to every Ward in the city for development works. But now it was looking difficult to honour that commitment owing to prevailing COVID-19 situation in the city.

Manjunath demanded the Mayor to come out with a status report on the financial position of the MCC immediately. He opined that she cannot back out of her promises since her assurance of giving Rs. 50 lakh to each Ward has been on record. The previous Mayor, Pushpalatha Jagannath had made a similar promise of Rs. 50 lakh for every Ward but what they got was just Rs.35 lakh each.

Pandemonium: Earlier, the ruling JD(S) and Congress members and Opposition BJP members involved in a wordy duel after former Mayor Arif Hussain of Congress lambasted the State Government for its failure in handling COVID-19.

He contended that beds were not available to Corona positive patients and blamed District Minister S.T. Somashekar. Agitated over this, the BJP members led by Opposition Leader M.U. Subbaiah and Manjunath walked into the well of the House, and demanded action against the member for making baseless allegations.

The JD(S) and Congress members also involved in a heated exchange of words and nothing was audible in the melee. As the appeal made by the Mayor proved futile, she adjourned the House for ten minutes.

As soon as the meeting began, the members observed a two-minute silence to condole the death of former President Pranab Mukherjee, noted singer S.P. Balasubrahmanyam and former Corporator Narasimhe Gowda. The meeting was in progress when we went to Press.

Cash-strapped MCC issues another ultimatum

Asks defaulters to pay property tax before month end without penalty

Mysuru, Oct. 6- With many property owners in city yet to pay property tax, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has asked property owners to pay tax dues before the Oct. 31 deadline without any penalty.

In a public notice, the MCC Commissioner said there are 78,569 property owners who are yet to pay tax dues for the year 2019-20 as at the end of March 2020. The dues have remained pending despite giving sufficient time and issuing notices for defaulting property owners to pay up.

Although the MCC had extended the usual 5 percent rebate offer in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic from April 30 to July 31, 2020 this year for property owners to pay tax (2020-21), only 67,795 property owners have remitted tax in this period.

Further, about one lakh people have paid up taxes in the period thereafter from Aug.1 to Oct. 5, while about 83,000 people are yet to pay tax as of now.

The defaulting property owners have to remit tax (2020-21), for which the deadline without 2 percent penalty is Oct. 31.

(See TAX on page 6)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	**910**
Total positive cases	:	**38,238**
Discharges yesterday	:	**427**
Total discharges	:	**29,208**
Deaths yesterday	:	**08**
Total deaths	:	**818**
Total active cases	:	**8,212**

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 6th October 2020

KSOU examinees stage snap stir against pre-ponement of exam

Mysuru, Oct.6 (PM&DM)- Claiming that the University had conducted the exam of final year B.A.Sociology paper one day in advance without making any announcement, more than 30 examinees of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) who had come to the KSOU Campus in Manasagangothri for attending the exam on Sunday last staged a snap stir in protest against the Open University's action.

The students said that KSOU which had scheduled Sociology (Paper-3) exam on Sept.28, postponed it for Oct.4 on account of the Karnataka Bandh called by farmer organisations on Sept.28.

Accordingly, they came to appear for the exam on Oct.4 morning, when they were shocked to learn that the exam was held on Saturday itself, a day in advance, they said and urged the University to hold the exam for them once again.

VC clarifies

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S.Vidyashankar, on learning of the protest, called the students over phone and assured that Sociology (Paper-3) exam will be held again for those who did not attend Saturday's exam. Following the assurance, the students withdrew their protest.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Prof. Vidyashankar said that following a request by students KSOU had advanced the exam by a day to avoid clash with the Statewide KTET (Karnataka Teacher Eligibility Test) date that was scheduled by the Education Department for Oct.4. The pre-ponement was announced in the University website and also messages were sent to examinees' mobile phones. But it seems that some did not see the message or bother to check the University website.

Also the KSOU, taking note of the absence of students for Saturday's exam, had announced that the exam will be held on another day, which too was not noticed by them and thinking that the exam would take place on Sunday, the students came to the centre. However, the University, will conduct the exam on another day for those who did not attend Saturday's (Oct.3) exam, he clarified and added that the students must not have any confusion in this regard.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BIHAR PREMIER LEAGUE: ***Litti chokha and dholaks, udan khatolas (helicopters) and railas (rallies), Bihar politics has always been so captivating for some that former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee once declared, "Main Atal bhi hoon, aur Bihari bhi hoon." But tedious 2020 refuses to bring good cheer. There are no cheerleaders, or crowds or razzmatazz at the IPL being played in the UAE. If the Indian Premier League is a trifle dull, the Bihar Premier League also looks lacklustre. As Bihar heads for Assembly polls later this month, India's most politically colourful State is set for the first colourless virtual election. With social distancing, out goes the raila and in comes the virtual rally. In the past, Lalu Prasad held a range of rallies: lathi rally, gareeb rally, he's even held a 'George Bush bhagao' rally. Lalu once claimed that he would make Bihar's roads as smooth as Hema Malini's cheeks but is now at the end of his political road in a jail hospital. In an election without campaigning, the veteran street side neta is missing in action. Between Lalu's sons Tej Pratap and Tejashwi, both seem to lack their father's tez. Ram Vilas Paswan, Indian politics' most astute mausam vyaganik or weathervane who invariably senses changes in the poll climate, is also in hospital. Can son Chirag now light the election winning flame? Nitish Kumar, who has performed more somersaults than an Olympic gymnast looks confident he won't slip from the balancing beam. Quipped the internet wag: Nitish Kumar has become Kursi Kumar. Virtual rallies and Zoom debates are dull substitutes for nukkad nataks and thronging crowds. After all, Bihar elections were never meant to be work from home.*** — *Sagarika Ghose in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

White dog turns green after rolling on grass

London: People were amused by the sight of a dog after it took a roll on freshly cut, wet grass and turned itself green.

A picture of the mischievous pup went viral and racked up more than 50,000 likes after being shared with the caption: "One white dog + wet freshly cut grass."

And while internet detectives pointed out the image had been edited and re-shared from a post on Reddit, dog lovers were left in hysterics at the state of the luminous dog.

Rat awarded gold medal for landmine detection

London: Rats have a bad reputation for being dirty, but one rat redeemed his species for becoming the first rodent to receive a gold medal for his work in sniffing out unexploded landmines and saving countless lives in Cambodia.

Magawa, a so-called "hero rat" was presented with a small blue collar and mini-gold medal by the British veterinary charity the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) last Friday.

The African Giant-Pouched Rat was trained to detect landmines by Belgium-based charity APOPO. Using an excellent sense of smell and memory, Magawa has discovered 39 landmines and 28 items of unexploded ordnance and can search an area the size of a tennis court in 30 minutes, something that would take a human with a metal detector up to four days, the charity said.

Unlike metal detectors, the rats ignore scrap metal and only sniff out explosives making them fast and efficient landmine detectors," said Christophe Cox, chief executive of APOPO, the non-profit organization which trained Magawa. It also trains the creatures to detect tuberculosis.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Does junk food cause depression?

A series of recent studies has led researchers to suspect that a diet high in fatty and sugary foods can have a harmful effect on the brain as well as the body. A steady diet of junk food has been shown to create a cascade of reactions in the brain that can lead to depression.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	227
Total positive cases	:	12,234
Total discharges	:	10,213
Total deaths	:	114
Total active cases	:	1,907

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	66
Total positive cases	:	4,588
Total discharges	:	3,192
Total deaths	:	82
Total active cases	:	1,303

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	47
Total positive cases	:	3,065
Total discharges	:	2,469
Total deaths	:	45
Total active cases	:	551

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	537
Total positive cases	:	18,867
Total discharges	:	14,506
Total deaths	:	317
Total active cases	:	4,044

Really...?

- *When snakes are born with two heads, they fight each other for food.*
- *Snakes also have forked tongues, which they flick in different directions to smell their surroundings. That lets them know when danger—or food—is nearby.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher to students: *Can anyone tell a word which has more than 1,000 letters in it?* ***Sam suddenly stands up and says*** *"POSTBOX"!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.10
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.90
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.90
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.14

VOICE OF THE READER

Hebbal Roads crying for attention

Sir,

I would like to bring to the notice of elected representatives in Mysuru the worst condition of Hebbal Roads.

About one year back a huge pipeline was laid in the middle of the road from Vijayanagar water tank to Ring Road passing through Abhishek Circle and MUDA Choultry.

Now, even after one year, neither the concerned persons nor the elected representatives have bothered to get the road repaired. The entire road is uneven with huge potholes and dangerous pits. Regular accidents are taking place mainly with women skidding off their two-wheelers.

Also the road from Surya bakery to KRS Road via Basavanagudi is in total shambles with lot of road cuttings and huge craters. I request our MLA Nagendra and the area Corporators to look into the matter at the earliest and resolve the issue for the sake of tax-paying public.

—J. Ajay Murthy
Hebbal 3rd Stage
3.10.2020

Govt's COVID-19 bulletin is accurate and transparent: Dr. Sudhakar

Mysuru, Oct.6 (RKB&SSV)- Dismissing allegations of releasing fudged up COVID-19 figures, Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar clarified that the daily media bulletin being released by State Government was accurate and transparent.

He was speaking at a function organised in connection with donation of Rs. 51 lakh worth COVID-19 materials and medical equipment to JSS Hospital by TATA Education and Development Trust through 371A Lions Service Foundation at Suttur Mutt here on Monday.

The Minister said in the initial days of COVID-19 the State did not have a single laboratory and now they have 147 labs where over a lakh people were being tested. The Corona positive cases may be more in Karnataka but the death rate here was 1.5 per cent to 1.6 per cent which was very much less when compared to the world's average of 3.5 per cent to 3.6 per cent. Doctors and researchers around the globe were making honest efforts to find out a vaccine for COVID-19, he added.

Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has talked about supplying the vaccine to 25 million people. Though the vaccination was expected to be available by January next year, logistic is being worked out in reaching to the less immunity people to inoculate them. Priority will be given to people above 65 years of age, children below 10 years and those with lack of immunity, Dr. Sudhakar said.

Dasara-2020

He promised to hold talks with CM B.S. Yediyurappa regarding celebrating Dasara-2020 in simple manner. Suggestions given by medical and health experts will also be shared with the CM. Situation has called for awareness on COVID-19. The State Government is planning to request the Suttur Seer to give a message to the public on preventive steps. Need of the hour was to take up a drive against COVID-19 on the lines of the campaign against 'open defecation', the Minister said.

Batting for compulsory wearing of face masks, the Minister said it will give protection up to 90 per cent if people wear it especially in public and crowded places. Decision to impose Rs.1,000 fine in urban areas and Rs.500 in rural areas for not wearing masks, was not to harass them but to make them understand the importance of protecting themselves.

Equipment donated

On the occasion, Past District Governor (PDG) of Lions Clubs and Commanding Officer of Civil Defence, Government of Karnataka, Ln. Dr. P.R.S. Chetan handed over the medical equipment to Suttur Seer and Dr. Sudhakar.

Dr. Chetan said in the wake of pandemic, TATA Education and Development Trust decided to donate the materials to JSS Hospital. Today, the entire world is watching India in handling the pandemic. The countries with a population of around 20 crore to 30 crore were finding it difficult to manage the situation. Whereas India with 135 crore population had kept the Corona under check, thanks to number of tests. In Karnataka, 5.31 lakh patients have recovered as against six lakh Corona positive patients and death rate was less than 2 per cent. The Trust is planning to donate ventilators in the coming days, he added.

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the event. PDG Ln. M.N.Jayprakash, Multiple Council Chairman and DLSF Chairman Ln. Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, 2nd Vice District Governor Dr. Sreevidya, District Chairman of DG Vision Projects Ln. Dr. G. Mohan, DLSF Secretary Ln. C.B. Srishaila, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr.B.Suresh and others were present.

Nominated as Mysore University Syndicate Member

Gappanna

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (KS)- M.B. Gappanna of Kavadi village in Ammathi, Virajpet taluk, Kodagu, has been nominated as Syndicate Member of University of Mysore by the Chancellor, who is also the Governor of Karnataka. As per the notification issued from the Office of the Governor, the term of office shall be for a period of three years with effect from Oct. 3, 2020.

A MBA graduate from Mangalore University, Machimanda Gappanna has been an activist working for progressive causes and was the President of All College Students Union of Mangalore University. He has the experience of working in the corporate world in various capacities and has been associated with several service organisations like Rotary, where he has been the Director of Youth Service. He is passionate about helping people at the grassroot level and interested in finding innovative solutions to support rural employment. Gappanna is involved with several NGOs motivating youth for self employment and skill development.

No public entry for Navarathri Puja inside Palace: Pramoda Devi

Mysuru, Oct. 6- As a COVID-19 precautionary and safety measure, the members of the public will not be allowed to gather for *Navarathri Puja* celebrations inside the Mysore Palace during this year's Dasara.

In a press release, member of the erstwhile Royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar said that traditional and customary *pujas* and rituals associated with Dasara will be performed as usual in the Palace. However, there will be no entry for public and the rituals will be conducted only in the presence of Royal family members. This is being done as a safety measure to check the spread of the deadly virus, the release added.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 6)

- **Mysuru Zoo:** Wildlife Week, Photography Exhibition, Zoo Library, Zoo premises, **up to 5 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP):** 16th edition of Bombe Mane, an exhibition of exquisite dolls, Bombe Mane auditorium, #91, above 'Aamrapali Sarees' shop, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7.30 pm.**
- **Garment Factories:** Stock clearance sale of branded clothes (ladies, gents and children) with huge discounts, Hotel Pai Vista, **up to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 7)

- **Mysuru Zoo:** Wildlife Week, Photography Exhibition, Zoo Library, Zoo premises, **10 am to 5 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP):** 16th edition of Bombe Mane, an exhibition of exquisite dolls, Bombe Mane auditorium, #91, above 'Aamrapali Sarees' shop, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Akashavani:** Re-telecast of 'Belli Beragu - Mysuru Koduge' series, Journalist Ganesh Amingad provides information on Mysuru talents who worked for Cinema, Akashavani 100.6 FM, **5 pm.**

Post-COVID Rehab Centre in city

Mysuru, Oct.6 (SPN&SSV)- Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar inaugurated COVID-19 Rehabilitation Centre in JSS Hospital premises here yesterday, which is said to be first in South India.

Speaking on the occasion, he said those Corona positive patients who get admitted to hospital would also be having other diseases. They will need yoga, pranayama or other therapies once they were recovered. Many patients undergo a lot of mental pressure post-recovery and they required self-confidence. While the State and Union Governments have not been able to set up rehabilitation centre, the JSS Medical Service Trust has thought about it. Indeed it was a healthy development. "I will discuss with officials on possible help from the Union Government to the newly-opened Centre," he said.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji said more number of rehabilitation centres was needed after recovery of COVID-19 patients. The amount of care to be taken at the rehab centre was more than treatment for patients in hospitals. Despite pressure, doctors and medical staff were working day and night in serving patients, he observed.

JSS AHER Pro-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh said JSS Hospital had prepared itself to treat COVID patients even before the outbreak of pandemic in State. "Ours is the first hospital that swung into action when the State Government requested private hospitals to join hands to treat Corona patients," he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (Oct. 7) from 10 am to 2 pm: Lashkar Mohalla, Five Lights Circle, Savitri School, Meena Bazaar, K.R. Park, K.T. Street, Traffic Police Station, Veeranagere, St. Philomena's Church, Meelad Park and surrounding areas.

Power supply will be disrupted in the following areas on Oct. 8 from 10 am to 5 pm: Surroundings of Udayaravi Road, Vidyavardhaka School, Panchamantra Road, Pramati School, Woodland Showroom and Samrat Hotel, according to a press release.

State Award

The Department of Women and Child Development and Department for the Empowerment of Differently-Abled and Senior Citizens have invited entries from individuals, institutions and teachers who have served or serving in special schools for over 15 years and have made remarkable achievement in the welfare of the disabled persons, for State Award (2020). Prescribed application forms can be obtained from the Office of the District Welfare Officer for Differently-Abled, Pulikeshi Road, Tilaknagar or downloaded from the Department website — www.dwdsc.kar.nic.in and the filled-in forms should be submitted before Oct. 15. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2490333.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore has awarded Ph.D in Sociology to M.S. Kumara for his thesis 'Mandya Jilleyalli Udyoga Kathari Yoyane: Ondu Samajashatriya Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B. Gururaj.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.80 ft
Yesterday	124.80 ft
Inflow	6,170 cusecs
Outflow	5,913 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.43 ft
Inflow	1,173 cusecs
Outflow	2,050 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.18 ft
Inflow	803 cusecs
Outflow	1,750 cusecs

Kodagu SP launches Cauvery Pade to safeguard women, children

The 18-member all-women team includes two ASIs

Madikeri, Oct. 6- 'Cauvery Pade' (Cauvery Force), an all-women Police team to tackle crimes against women and children in Kodagu district, was launched by Kodagu SP Kshama Mishra here on Thursday last.

Speaking on the occasion, Kshama Mishra said that the team will have two Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs) and 16 other Police personnel.

"The Force will act against atrocities and crimes against children, girls and women. The Force will make regular rounds around schools and colleges, accommodations where there are more number of women and other women-dominated places and will act against anyone found behaving in an obscene or indecent way and harassing or stalking women," she said.

Continuing, the SP said that 'Cauvery Pade' has been formed on the lines of 'Abbakka Pade' in Udupi, 'Obavva Pade' in Chitradurga and 'Chamundi Pade' in Mysuru. The patrol team will make rounds from 8 am to 6 pm in the limits of all prominent Police Stations of the district, focussing on schools and colleges for ensuring the safety of girl students.

The members of the public can call 100 in case of trouble or distress, she said and added that the mobile numbers of all the eighteen personnel attached to this women Police team, will be announced soon as the higher authorities issue them.

For enhanced safety and capacity...

SWR Mysuru Division introduces upgraded signalling project in Ghat Section

Mysuru, Oct. 6- The introduction of additional passenger services and freight trains on the 55-km ghat section between Sakaleshpur and Subramanya Road for achieving higher productivity was rendered difficult in view of the restrictions imposed by the Commissioner of Railway Safety. The non-availability of catch sidings — a mandatory safety protocol — at two of the four stations in the section with a Ruling Gradient of 1 in 50 with 4 stations was the primary bottleneck.

With a view to overcome the critical infrastructural deficiency hampering train operations at an optimal level, South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, undertook modification and upgradation of the signalling system in the month of June 2020 through the creative use of technology by installing highly reliable and failsafe state-of-the-art signal and telecommunication gears at Kadagaravalli and Yedakumari stations.

The Multi-section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) is a cutting edge technology designed for train detection with added safety features. The maintenance costs are comparatively lower with a high degree of reliability so much essential for seamless train operations in ghat sections.

Men at work during the installation of Multi-section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) technology between Yedakumari and Kadagaravalli Stations in the Ghat Section.

This was a daunting task in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Unprecedented rainfall in the area — 6000 mm since the commencement of work — compounded the already delicate situation. Difficulty in moving skilled manpower for specialised work in the ghat section, non-existent road connectivity to transport cables, location boxes, MSDAC equipment, fear of landslips at the time of trenching for laying cables, lengthy tunnels, steel girder bridges, rocky topography, dependence on DG sets for power, etc., were some of the biggest challenges surmounted during the execution of the work.

Executed at a cost of Rs. 4.4 crore, which is borne by Hassan Mangalore Rail Development Company Limited, the Multi-section Digital Axle Counter (MSDAC) technology commissioned between Yedakumari and Kadagaravalli stations on the Sakaleshpur-Subramanya Road Ghat Section on Oct.1, 2020, in record time will significantly enhance the sectional line capacity. The nearly 35% enhanced capacity would help in introducing additional passenger services and also the operation of freight trains will be more efficient as detentions are brought down. The new technology greatly reduces the maintenance of track circuits in the inhospitable terrain of the ghat section.

D. Sreenivasulu, Sr.Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, SWR, Mysuru Division led the team involved in the execution of the technology-intensive project.

Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager, SWR, Mysuru Division, complimented the team for working steadfastly in completing the work in a very short time despite many hurdles along the way. She was confident that the introduction of the new safety protocol will pave the way for safer and more efficient train operations in the ghat section where the demand for new passenger services is being made persistently.

66th Wildlife Week: 'Save Elephant Corridor' Cyclothon Mysuru leg flagged off

As part of 66th Wildlife Week-2020 (Theme: Vulture for Future) celebrations, Forest Department, Mysuru Division, has organised a cyclothon in two routes from Belagavi to Muthodi and Muthodi to Bengaluru, highlighting 'Save Elephant Corridor.' The 5th day of the cyclothon (Mysuru leg) was flagged off by Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF) Jagath Ram at Aranya Bhavan this morning. Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF - Mysuru Circle) T. Heeralal, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni, Deputy Conservators of Forests (DCFs) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar and M.G. Alexander were present. The cyclothon team headed towards Malavalli and will reach Bheemeshwari Nature Camp for overnight stay. Tomorrow (Oct. 7), the team will leave for Bannerghatta via Kanakapura. On Oct. 8, they will leave Bannerghatta and conclude the pedalling at Bengaluru.

Dasara Elephants Webinar Series

Mysore kings have shown their love for elephants by establishing Jayamarthanda Gate, Aane Baagilu

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (MTY&KS)- "There is an indestructible relationship between the royal family and elephants since beginning and the royal family has been very respectful to the elephants that have been participating in Dasara festivities. To express their love and concern to the elephants, the erstwhile kings had installed Jayamarthanda Gate (the main entrance gate of Mysore Palace) and Aane Baagilu at Amba Vilas Palace," said littérateur Bannur K. Raju.

He was speaking on the topic *'Dashamiya Jumboo Savari, Aanegala Paatra'* at the 10th and concluding webinar of the series titled 'Mysuru Dasara Aanegalu' organised by the Forest Department in association with Asian Elephant Support (AES).

The elephants were taking part in the *Jumboo Savari* since more than 40 years, he said and added that this tradition will continue in future as one cannot imagine Dasara without elephants.

Continuing, the littérateur said that it was elephant Jayamarthanda, which carried the king seated in the Howdah for the first time and elephant Biligiri was the last elephant to carry the king. Biligiri had carried Jayachamaraja Wadiyar during the *Jumboo Savari* in 1962.

He pointed out that the erstwhile kings had established Jayamarthanda Gate because elephant Jayamarthanda had carried the Golden Howdah for 45 times during Dasara.

Bannur K. Raju Manoj Kumar

It was because of the love, affection and concern towards elephants, the 'Aane Baagilu' was established, he said adding that the importance given to Durbar Hall is given to 'Aane Baagilu.'

Stating that all the Howdah-carrying elephants from Jayamarthanda to Arjuna (who is aged and replaced by 'Abhimanyu' this year) had successfully fulfilled the responsibilities given to them, Bannur K. Raju said that many other elephants had proved their excellence by carrying the Golden Howdah several times during *Jumboo Savari* which included Drona, who carried the Howdah for 18 times and Balarama 14 times.

Speaking about another Dasara elephant Gajendra, he said "Gajendra had a unique character and he used to very well understand what humans speak. Because of his uniqueness, he was able to act in Dr. Rajkumar-starrer Kannada movie *'Gandhada Gudi'*."

Like Arjuna, which carried the Howdah for eight times, Abhimanyu would also successfully fulfil its responsibilities and earn loved and affection of all.

Stating that many say that Mysore Dasara has the history of 400 years which is wrong, Bannur K. Raju said that after the decline of Vijayanagar Empire, Mysore Kings came forward to celebrate Dasara and during the rule of Raja Wadiyar, Dasara celebrations began at Srirangapatna in 1610. Hence, Srirangapatna Dasara has the history of 410 years. In 1799, during the rule of Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Dasara celebrations began in Mysuru and hence Mysuru Dasara has the history of 221 year, the littérateur said.

Continuing, he said that wooden howdah was being used during Srirangapatna Dasara and it was during the regime of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the Golden Howdah was made and it was only after that, *Jumboo Saravi* and elephants gained more importance.

Speaking at the valedictory of the webinar series, Chamarajanagar Circle Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) Manoj Kumar said that this year, Dasara is being celebrated in a simple but in a traditional manner which has left thousands of people disappointed as they cannot witness *Jumboo Savari* as it is limited only to the Palace premises. Hence, it was decided to portray Dasara elephants through the webinar series, he said and added that AES provided information to the people pertaining to Dasara elephants, Dasara celebrations and about various elephant camps.

He further said that a quiz contest was also organised in a bid to create awareness on wildlife conservation, which is laudable.

Quiz Contest Winners

Over 15,500 audience viewed webinar series which also featured quiz (questions on Dasara elephants) for the participants at the end of each series. Two winners were selected and prizes were awarded. **1st webinar:** Due to technical error, viewers were unable to participate in the contest during the first webinar; **2nd:** Chaitra Srinidhi and S. Prajwal; **3rd:** Karthik Hebbar and Neethuraj; **4th:** Dayananda and Srikara; **5th:** Vidya Srinivas and Praveen Kumar; **6th:** H.M. Trisha and Digambar Patil; **7th:** G.V. Nirmala and Ramesh; **8th:** K.S. Manoj and Vijayalakshmi; **9th:** Deepa and Chandrika Sudheer.

A special cash prize (Rs. 10,000) was bagged by R. Ramkumar, Assistant Professor at Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam in Tamil Nadu.

Dr. Mamatha Sathyanarayan was the Webinar Convenor.

Nadanahalli Lake rejuvenated

Children's play area, outdoor fitness zone planned in Phase II

The Nadanahalli Lake (Devi Kere) before rejuvenation.

The rejuvenated Nadanahalli Lake.

Mysuru, Oct. 6- The rejuvenated Nadanahalli Lake (Devi Kere) was inaugurated by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri along with other dignitaries and leaders of industry, on Gandhi Jayanthi Day (Oct. 2).

Nadanahalli Lake is a small ephemeral water body with 5.1 acre catchment area located at T. Narasipur Road in Mysuru, just beyond the Ring Road.

The rejuvenation project was undertaken by JK Tyre and rProcess in coordination with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru and District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru, with the Project implemented by MYKAPS (MYRADA).

The first phase of work has been completed and is now open for public access. Many trees around the Lake were planted during the World Environment Day, along with Rotary Mysore. More saplings were planted during the inaugural function to make it a home for many bird species including migratory birds.

This project has envisioned not only Lake rejuvenation but also development of the adjoining public space. In Phase II, a children's play area, outdoor fitness zone and completion of the fencing and stone embankment along with more tree plantation will be taken up.

Interested individuals and organisations are requested to join hands in making this a model project for the city of Mysuru.

A Lake Management Committee with key stakeholders like RWA, local authorities and village leaders will be set up for the upkeep and management of the Lake. rProcess and all its employees commit to supporting to this ongoing effort.

Rohini Sindhuri, expressing her happiness, hoped the project's Phase II is completed with the children's play area.

V. Eswara Rao, Vice-President, JK Tyre, Savitha Mallappa, CEO - rProcess, Vikram Hebbar, GM - JK Tyre, Lingaraju, Joint Director, DIC, Amit Kumar, Chairman - CII, Pavan G. Ranga, Vice-Chairman - CII, Sam Cherian, Convenor, CII CSR Panel and other dignitaries were present during the inauguration.

Amit Kumar said that CII will be promoting more such projects in the future. Eswara Rao said while the current focus is to fund COVID-19 related projects, JK Tyre will continue to support these types of activities also, as they closely impact the local community.

Pay property tax before month end

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Property owners are asked to make use of this opportunity and pay tax dues within the penalty-free deadline of Oct.31 and thus help the cash-strapped City Corporation to take up development works.

The MCC will attach the properties of tax defaulters who fail to remit tax within this deadline, the notice warned.

The notice further said MCC has found that several traders and businessmen were conducting business without Trade Licence or renewing them. Hence, such traders are asked to obtain licence from the MCC at the earliest. MCC will take action as per KMC Act against those found running or operating business without Trade Licence, the notice cautioned.

Civil contractors hold dharna, demand clearing of pending bills

Even as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) General Council Meeting was in progress at the MCC premises this morning, Civil Contractors, under the banner of MCC Civil Contractors' Association staged a protest in front of the MCC Office demanding payment of bills which are pending since 2017. The pending bills amount run up to Rs. 119.23 crore till the end of Aug. 2020. The protesters said that they have stopped all civil works from Oct. 3 and added that they will take up the works only after the MCC clears the pending bills.

Condolence to Hathras victim creates ruckus in ZP meeting

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (RK&DM)- Condolence to the victim of Hathras in Uttar Pradesh along with other late leaders and a Zilla Panchayat (ZP) official, created ruckus at the ZP general meeting at the ZP hall here this morning.

Soon as the meeting convened after a one-and-a-half-hour delay due to lack of quorum, the ZP Chief Planning Officer announced that a one-minute silence be observed as a mark of respect for ZP Executive Engineer Shankar who passed away recently. Soon Venkataswamy, a BJP member, who raised objection, wanted the meeting to also mourn the demise of Union Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi of Karnataka who also passed away recently.

Even as Venkataswamy was arguing his case, Congress member Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, a former ZP President, demanded that the meeting also mourn the brutal rape and murder of Manisha, a 20-year-old Dalit girl at Hathras in UP, which has hit national headlines.

Venkataswamy taking strong exception to Pushpa Amarnath's contention, said that this was a violation of the protocol, when heated arguments broke out between BJP and Congress members, which went on for over 20 minutes. Later, JD(S) members brokered a truce, following which the meeting observed a one minute silence to all the dead mentioned by the members.

Earlier, the meeting, which was scheduled to begin at 11 am, was delayed by over 90 minutes due to lack of quorum, with most members absent at the start of the meeting. ZP President Parimala Shyam, VP Mangala Somashekar, CEO D. Bharathi and others were present.

53% people with breathing problems
in Mysuru, Bengaluru not wearing mask: Survey

Mysuru, Oct.6 (SSV)- Difficulty in breathing among 53 per cent of population in Bengaluru and Mysuru has been one of the main reasons for not wearing face masks, according to a survey done in 18 cities across the country in the wake of COVID-19.

A survey done by 'Apnamask' under 'Ek Desh' campaign following compulsory wearing of mask, has compiled details of only Bengaluru and Mysuru cities in Karnataka. Among those who responded to the survey, 94 per cent are wearing mask. As many as 81 per cent of the responders opined it was necessary to wear mask to check the spreading of the pandemic. Fifty-three per cent of people are not wearing mask because of respiratory problem, it stated.

The survey revealed that 59 per cent of people prefer to wear the cloth mask than N-95 mask. Fifty three per cent wish to wear it while working and 54 per cent of people want to wear the mask in markets or crowded places. Eighty one per cent want their mouth and nose to be covered while wearing mask and 68 per cent of citizens re-use mask by washing it with soap instead of disposing it off. Rich and elite class people use N-95 mask more. Twenty-one per cent people wear the face shield along with mask, the survey added.

KPTCL employees stage protest against privatisation moves

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (PM&DM)- Strongly condemning the Centre's reported move to privatise public sector power transmission and distribution companies, the employees and officers of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) staged a symbolic demonstration by wearing black arm bands, in front of CESC Office on Sri Harsha Road in city yesterday.

Accusing the Centre of fast tracking privatisation of public sector power companies which are doing well despite all odds, the protesters claimed that privatisation will do a great harm for the poor and the farming community.

They urged the Centre to drop privatisation moves and instead take measures for strengthening the power sector further under the Government itself. Similar demonstrations also took place in front of CESC Main Office at Vijayanagar and the KPTCL Office at Hootagalli on Hunsur Road.

Ganja peddlers arrested, 8.650 kg ganja seized

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (KS) - The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, who raided a house at Nandini Layout in Alanahalli Police limits on Oct. 4, have arrested four persons on charges of peddling and storing narcotic substance and have seized 8.650 kg ganja from them.

The arrested are 50-year-old Srinivasa, a native of Pushpapura in Kollegal taluk and presently residing in Nandini Layout, 28-year-old Liyakuthulla of Bharathnagar, Mysuru, 28-year-old Wasim Akram of Amrutha Layout, Mysuru and 28-year-old Naveed Pasha, also from Bharath Nagar.

During interrogation, the Police came to know that accused Srinivasa and Naveed Pasha have been accused in many ganja peddling cases and another accused Wasim Akram has been accused in two-wheeler lifting case earlier.

DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and CCB ACP V. Mariyappa supervised Inspector Lolakshi and staff Chandregowda, Subashchandra, Ramaswamy, Srinivasa Prasad, M.R. Ganesh, C. Chikkanna, Shivaraju, Yakub Shariff, Nagesh, Anil and Anand in the raid, nabbing and seizing operation, according to the press release from the Public Relations Officer (PRO), City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Obituary

Mary B. Rodrigues

Mysuru, Oct. 6- Mary B. Rodrigues (62), a retired teacher at Avila Convent and a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away on Sunday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, two daughters, brother, sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral will be held tomorrow (Oct. 7) at the Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar, according to sources.

Syed Ubaid Ulla

Chamarajanagar: Syed Ubaid Ulla (54), son of late Syed Ismail and a resident of the city, passed away in the wee hours of today at his residence following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held this afternoon followed by the burial in Chamarajanagar, according to sources.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (KS) -Nazarbad Police have found a body of an unidentified man, aged between 65 and 70 years, near the tonga stand close to Sub-Urban Bus Stand in city on Sunday and have shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary.

The deceased has scars on both his knees and the Police have urged the kith and kin of the deceased, if any, to contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418308 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a release.

One arrested for stealing two-wheelers, mobile phones
Three scooters, 10 mobile phones worth Rs. 3.7 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (KS) - Ashokapuram Police, on Oct. 4, have arrested a 24-year-old youth on charges of lifting two-wheelers and stealing mobile phones. The Police have recovered three Honda Activa scooters and 10 mobile phones of various companies from the accused.

The accused is Prasanna, a resident of Davani Street in Hunsur town. During interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed of lifting two-wheelers from Ashokapuram, Saraswathipuram and Krishnaraja (KR) Police limits and stealing mobile phones through open windows of houses at Ashokapuram, Srirampura, Aravindanagar, K.G. Koppal and Kuvempunagar.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered three Honda Activa scooters and 10 mobile phones, all worth Rs. 3.7 lakh from him. Following the arrest, the Police have solved once case each at Ashokapuram, Saraswathipuram and K.R. Police Stations. Cases of lifting vehicles have been registered against the accused earlier too.

DCP M.S. Geetha Prasanna and K.R. Sub-Division ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi supervised Ashokapuram Inspector B.S. Prakash, ASI K.S. Geetha and staff V. Ramesh, K.V. Anand, M.A. Raghavendra, B.M. Mahadevaiah, Girish, Raju, Manu and Pavan in the nabbing and recovery operation, according to a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Man goes missing from city

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (KS) - A 55-year-old man, who left his house on Sept. 27 morning, has since gone missing.

The missing person is Narayanaswamy, a resident of Lakshmipuram. Those having any information about the missing person may contact Lakshmipuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

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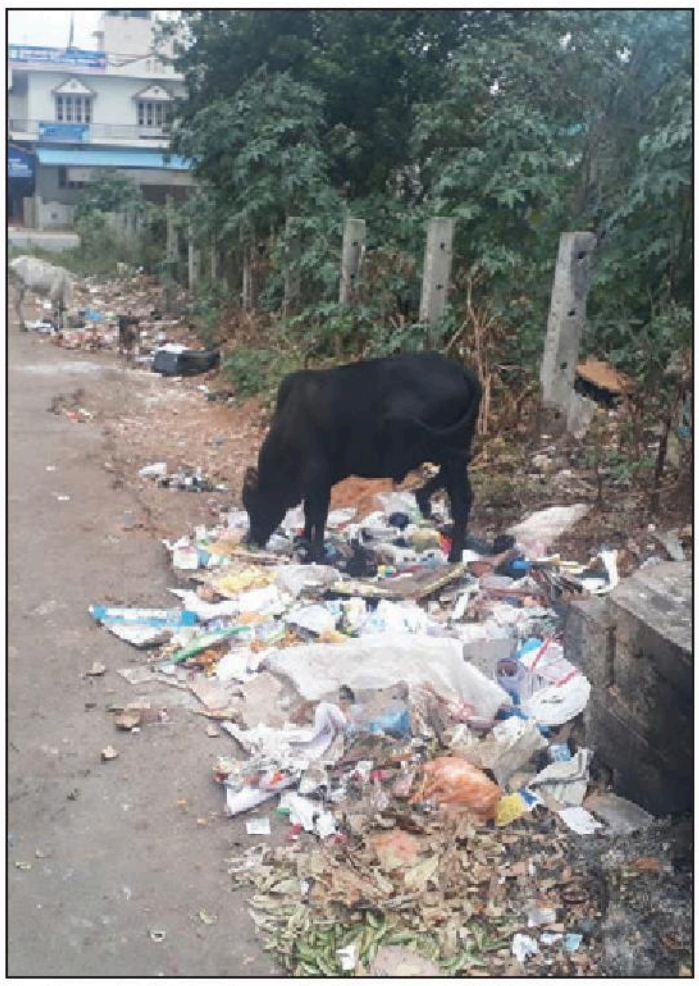
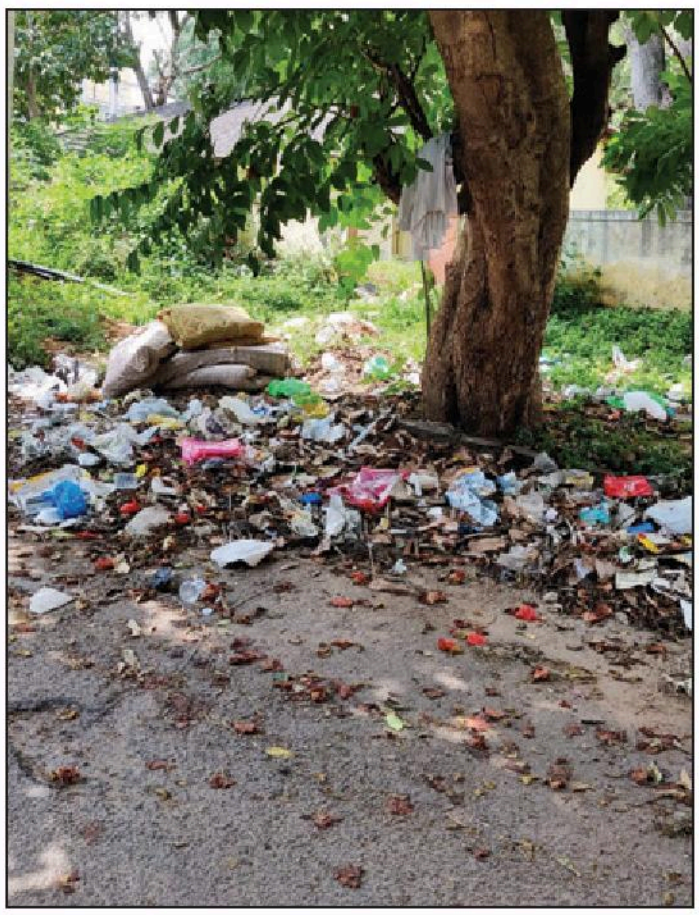
Plea to clear garbage at Rajivnagar



Garbage including household waste and plastics which are dumped near Rahamath Nursing Home at Rajivnagar 1st Stage is not cleared and is attracting cattle. Also, foul smell is emanating from the garbage causing a lot of problems to the residents and also to the patients coming to the hospital. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Garbage dumped at N.R. Mohalla needs to be cleared



Garbage dumped on St. Mary's Road in N.R. Mohalla 1st Cross is not cleared since many days and is emanating foul smell besides attracting stray animals. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Cleanliness is a mirage in new District Offices Complex in city

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (SBD&SSV)- The new District Offices Complex (DC Office) at Siddarthanagar in the city is in a state of disuse. Cleaning is still a mirage for this imposing structure due to non-functioning of departments following the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in March.

The new office has been built on a 15-acre land belonging to the German Press on the lines of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel to match with the city's heritage character, at a cost of Rs. 59 crore.

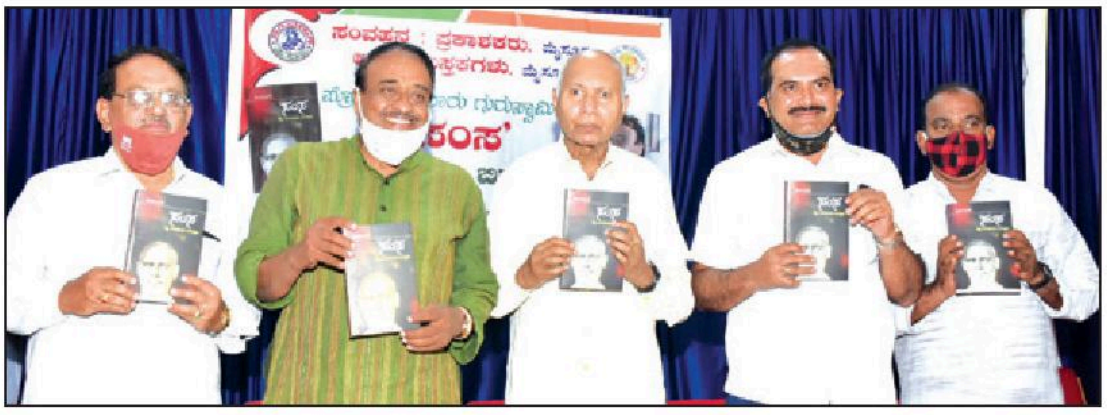
Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had inaugurated this building on March 10, 2018. Subsequently, several departments such as Food and Civil Supplies and Survey were shifted to the new building. Plan was to shift all departments in March this year but it did not happen due to outbreak of Corona pandemic.

Meanwhile, upkeep of this building has taken a back-seat with absolutely no sign of cleanliness anywhere. Empty plastic bottles and plastic covers are strewn everywhere. Weeds have grown in the compound indicating lack of maintenance.

The 22,920 sq. mts building has a basement of 9,150 sq. mts, ground floor 4,720 sq. mts, first floor of 4,500 sq. mts and has a second floor of 4,550 sq. mts. No doubt, maintaining such a huge structure is not easy. But it is embarrassing for Mysuru, which has been winning awards in different categories, as the Cleanest City in the country. More importantly, office of the District Minister is also situated in the building where there is no sign of cleanliness. What is the message that the District Administration is trying to give to its citizens?

An iron gate on one side of the building is rusted. The sheets erected all around the building have fallen down. Anyone can enter the building during dark and indulge in nefarious activities due to absence of watch and ward. The District Administration spends lakhs of rupees on unimportant works and why cannot it deploy men to keep the building clean regularly. Need of the hour is to clear the weed and raise a garden. In the name of waiting for shifting of all the Departments to the new building, the authorities must not neglect this building which has been constructed out of tax payer's money.

'Samsa' novel released



Kannada Book Authority (KBA) Chairman Dr. Nandish Hanche (2nd from right) releasing the novel 'Samsa' at IEI premises on JLB Road in city on Sunday. D.N. Lokappa of Samvahana Prakashana, writer Prof. Maleyur Guruswamy, littérateur Dr. CPK and thinker Mahesh Harave are also seen in the picture.

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (RKB&SD)- "The 'Samsa' novel has all the necessary material to conduct psychological research on," opined veteran littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK).

He was speaking after releasing Kannada novel 'Samsa' penned by writer Prof. Maleyur Guruswamy at a programme organised by Samvahana Prakashana, in association with Ananya Pustakagalu, at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) premises on JLB Road in city on Sunday.

"Samsa was a talented playwright but had a tragic end. Details about his life still largely remains unknown. We can call it an enigma, but this novel tries to provide answers to those questions that we have. We can even call this novel as an Sachitra (illustrated) Samsayana. Story of Samsa certainly could have been written as a play by including all the darker and lighter shades of his enigmatic personality, as a tragedy" he said.

Speaking after releasing the novel, Kannada Book Authority (KBA) Chairman Dr. Nandish Hanche said, "There are two kinds of story-telling in Kannada literature, person-centric and system-centric. This novel based on the life of Samsa follows person-centric form of story-telling. If published during the period of modernist *(Navya)* school of writing, this novel would have been considered as a psychological novel."

Prof. Maleyur Guruswamy addressed the gathering and spoke about his next novel named 'Bangaradoddi.' "The story of the novel spins around King Ranadheera Kanteerava and a woman, by name Bangaradoddi, with whom he was in love with," he said.

Later, thinker Mahesh Harave spoke about the novel.

D.N. Lokappa of Samvahana Prakashana was also present at the book release programme.

About Samsa: Popularly known by his pen name Samsa, Swami Venkatadri Iyer is a novelist, poet and dramatist of Kannada literature. He is one of earliest Kannada writers to write historical drama and is said to have written twenty-three plays out of which only six are available now including 'Vigada Vikrama Raaya' and 'Bettada Arasu.'

Unfortunately, Swami Venkatadri Iyer committed suicide at an young age.

'Guruvandana' by Bhavsar Mahasabha

Ten members of Bhavsar Kshatriya community were felicitated at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Sunday for their distinguished service in the field of education, as part of the 4th year Guruvandana programme organised by the Yuva Parishad of All India Bhavsar Kshatriya (AIBK) Mahasabha.

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (PM&SD)- As part of the 4th year Guruvandana programme, Yuva Parishad of All India Bhavsar Kshatriya (AIBK) Mahasabha had organised a function at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Sunday to felicitate ten members of the community for their distinguished service in the field of education.

Anil Kumar Rampure, Suman Tikare of Mandya, Divya Lokare, Bhavani Rampure of Mysuru, Nagalakshmi Vadone, Mamatha Vadone of Nanjangud, G. Sumathi of Hunsur, Devaraju Pisse of Doddaballapur, Vinayak Khamitkar of Davanagere and Vinaya Krishna of Bengaluru were felicitated.

Later, addressing the gathering, MLA L. Nagendra highlighted the importance of teachers in every walk of life.

Inaugurating the programme, AIBK Mahasabha-Yuva Parishat National President Dr. Yogendra Varne called for unity in the community and advised the community members to add their surname 'Bhavsar.'

Community members later urged MLA Nagendra to draw attention of the Government to set up Bhavsar Kshatriya Development Corporation and Karnataka State Tailors Federation in the region and submitted a memorandum to the MLA.

Corporators Shobha Sunil and Rangaswamy, Dr. Arathi Bambore, Bhavasara Kshatriya Mandali-Mysuru President R.V. Shivajirao Rampure, Bhavasara Kshatriya Mandali-Mysuru Director Ramesh Rampore, The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Society-Mysuru Vice-President Satyanarayan Sulakhe, Yuva Parishad State President N. Ganesh Lalige, Mysuru Unit President Santosh Patange and social worker Rajesh Ganna were present.

Contract, outsourced doctors & health workers continue stir

Mysuru, Oct. 6 (PM&DM)- The indefinite stir launched by contract and outsourced doctors and other health workers seeking fulfilment of their various demands, which chiefly included pay parity with regular employees and job security, has continued in city with the protesters intensifying their pitch on Sunday.

Contract doctors and other medical staff, who launched the indefinite stir under the banner of Karnataka Health and Family Welfare Department and Medical Education Department Contract and Outsourced Staff Association by striking work on Sept. 24, had staged a symbolic demonstration in front of the DHO's office here on Oct. 2, seeking fulfilment of their demands.

As the Government is yet to respond to their demands, the stir has continued and entered the 11th day on Sunday.

Association Mysuru District President Dr. Arasu told *Star of Mysore* that there are 968 contract and outsourced staff in Mysuru district and all of them have struck work from Sept. 24.

Pointing out that repeated representations to the Government on their just demands have evoked no response so far, he said that only some staff are working at a few districts due to emergency situations.

The stir will continue as long the Government continues to ignore their plea, he asserted.

Association office-bearers Manjunath, Rajesh, Shashidhar, Harish, Diwakar and others took part in the protest.

BJP announces party candidates for Oct. 28 Legislative Council polls

Bengaluru, Oct. 6 (KMS&DM)- Taking a lead over Opposition parties for the Legislative Council polls for four seats, the ruling BJP on Saturday announced the list of party candidates for all the four seats — South-East Graduate, West Graduates, North-East Teachers and Bengaluru Teacher Constituencies, that go to the polls on Oct. 28.

The party announced the candidature of Chidananda M. Gowda (South-East Graduates constituency), V.S. Sankanur (West Graduates Constituency), Shashil G. Namoshi (North East Teachers Constituency) and Puttanna (Bengaluru Teachers Constituency).

Last date to file nominations is Oct. 8. The polling will take place on Oct. 28 and the counting of votes will be taken up on Nov. 2.

Kurubas demand ST tag

Bengaluru, Oct. 6- The Shepherds India International has demanded Scheduled Tribe (ST) tag for Kuruba community which is spread across the country under different names.

The fifth annual convention of Shepherds India International held in the State Capital of Friday, passed a resolution urging the Government to include Kuruba Community in ST list.

Presiding over the convention, MLC A.H. Vishwanath, who is also the President of the Association, said that Kuruba community is spread across the country and is called in different names.

Stating that efforts are underway to bring every Shepherd (Kuruba) community under one fold, he said that according to an estimate, there are 12 crore community members in the country. The convention urged the Union Government to list the community under ST category, he noted.

Community leaders from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, West Bengal and other States attended the convention.

WORD OF THE DAY

Pachyderm

Pronunciation: PAK-ih-derm.

Meaning: Any of various nonruminant mammals (such as an elephant, a rhinoceros, or a hippopotamus) of a former group (Pachydermata) that have hooves or nails resembling hooves and usually thick skin; especially : elephant.
Origin: Pachydermos in Greek means literally "having thick skin" (figuratively, it means "dull" or "stupid"). It's from pachys, meaning "thick," and derma, meaning "skin." In the late 1700s, the French naturalist Georges Cuvier adapted the Greek term as pachyderme for any one of a whole assemblage of hoofed animals having thickish skin: elephants, hippopotamuses, rhinoceroses, tapirs, horses, pigs, and more. English speakers learned the word from French in the early 1800s. The adjective pachydermatous means "of or relating to the pachyderms" or "thickened" (referring to skin). Not too surprisingly, it also means "callous" or "insensitive" (somewhat unfairly especially to elephants, which are actually known to be rather sensitive).
Example: "The elephants, though, still needed to reach the river. They hewed close to the old route, the one imprinted on generations of pachyderm brains...." — Hannah Beech and Muktita Suhartono

THE ODD WORD

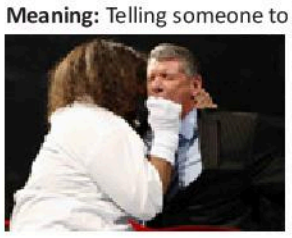
Pachyglossal

Thick-tongued.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Put a sock in it

Meaning: Telling someone to be quiet or to shut up.



Origin: The origin of this expression is unclear. Why is a sock being put in 'it,' and what does the 'it' in the phrase refer to anyways? While it may have been different when the phrase first originated, today, the 'it' generally refers to a person's mouth.
Thus, the imagery for this idiom is that if someone is being annoying (either by talking too much or by making a bunch of noise), then a sock is shoved into their mouths to shut them up. While I'm not going to try this out for myself, I would say that having a sock put into anyone's mouth would quiet them down in a heartbeat; it would make it difficult to talk at all. Anyways, this expression goes back to at least the early 20th century, and the meaning looks to be the same. For example, the Western Mail newspaper, printed in 1919, wrote the following:
"But if you want to see a racecourse — a real full-sized dinkum top-hole racecourse I'm speaking of, mind you — come along with me to Tasmania,' chimed in the small voice of a lad who was very fond of apples, 'and I will show you— 'Oh, dry up Tassie; put a sock in it.'

QUOTE BOX

When I was young I found out that the big toe always ends up making a hole in a sock. So I stopped wearing socks. **— Albert Einstein**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Corporate downsizing.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Stinging insect
5 Devilish ones
9 Did possess
12 "O, rig" anagram for a prince from literature?
13 Clarified butter
14 Be mistaken
15 Flat-topped mountain
16 Regular state of affairs
18 Promptly; quickly
20 Lubricates
21 Moses' brother
23 Fashion name: Christian ___
26 Talked foolishly
29 Black and white animal of China
30 Rumanian coin
31 Weaving cane - "Rosie" anagram?
33 Family
34 Synthetic fabric
36 Sleeping soundly - i.e. not quietly!
38 Not afraid to go ahead
39 Scatter about
40 Appear
42 Female warrior
46 Not playing by the rules
49 Hawaiian goose
50 Pink Floyd's ___ You
51 Wings or winglike parts
52 Obligatory payments
53 Part of a compass box
54 Double digits
55 Aviation Safety Reporting Sys.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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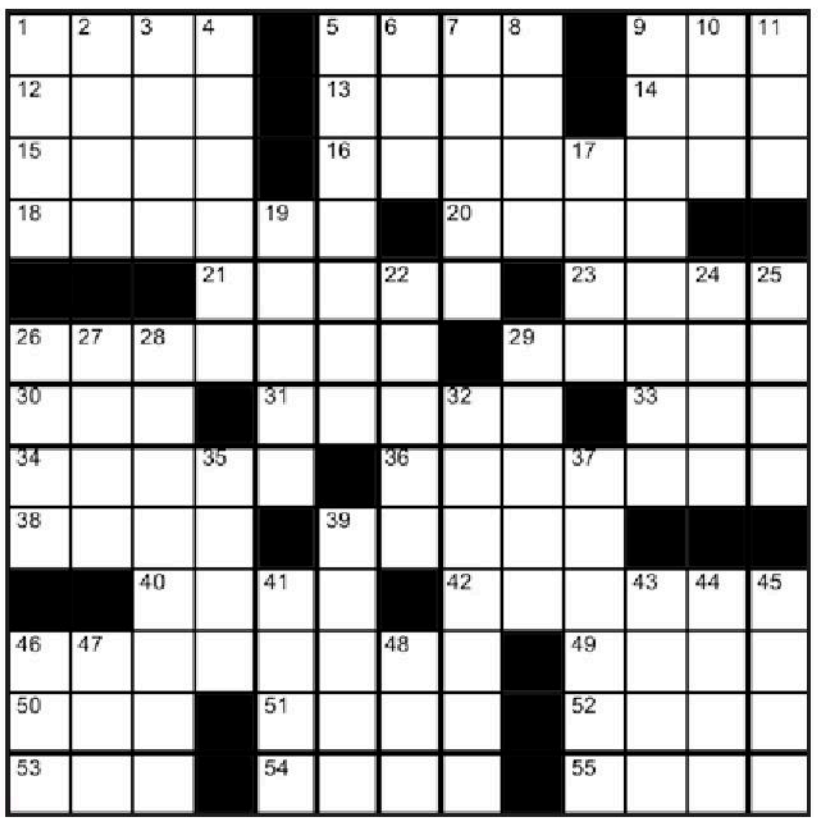
DOWN

1 Coward; sissy
2 Ripening agent
3 Only fair (2-2)
4 Former President ___ Mukherjee
5 Disregards
6 Electrical conductance unit
7 Evita or Juan from Argentina?
8 ___ - finals : the last but one round of a tournament?
9 Capital of Finland
10 A part of a circle
11 Arid or moistureless?
17 Alan ___ : Hawkeye of M*A*S*H
19 Hooked claw
22 Writer of lyric poetry
24 A mythical god
25 Called
26 Small drop or spot
27 Of planes - as a prefix
28 Centre of a dartboard
29 Introductory discourse
32 Exasperates
35 Halls, theatres
37 Its capital is Kigali
39 Grin or chortle
41 Change of Govt. : coup d'____
43 Ruler of Olympus
44 Unique or singular person
45 Loch ___ : Scottish monster lake?
46 Fidel's friend Guevara
47 Female bird
48 A Bobbsey twin



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JZ IUU JZ JRH KQTEVRYHTJ, VIJIT YIUH IGG JRH

JZPYHTJHU VZQGV GEVJHT JZ HGHAIJZP YQVES. JRH

RHGGV IPH IGEAH XEJR JRH VZQTUV ZD YQLIO.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Hope doesn't come from calculating whether the good news is winning out over the bad. It's simply a choice to take action.

DC becomes table topper after Rabada's 4-wicket haul

Kagiso Rabada picked four wickets as Delhi Capitals (DC) beat Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) by 59 runs in the Match 19 of the IPL 2020 at Dubai International Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Dubai, Oct. 6- Delhi Capitals (DC) defeated Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) by 59 runs in their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 fixture at the Dubai International Stadium yesterday.

RCB won the toss and elected to bowl. DC began their innings on a good note, with Prithvi Shaw building a good partnership with Shikhar Dhawan. Rishabh Pant and Marcus Stoinis also played big knocks, with DC eventually finishing at 196/4 after 20 overs. RCB were set a 197-run target.

RCB had a poor start, losing the wickets of Devdutt Padikkal, Aaron Finch and AB de Villiers early on. Virat Kohli tried to anchor his side's chase but could only muster 43 off 39 deliveries.

Kagiso Rabada was on fire for DC, grabbing four wickets, including that of Kohli. After this win, DC have climbed to top of the table with RCB at third spot.

BRIEF SCORES

DC: 196/4 (Marcus Stoinis 53*, Prithvi Shaw 42*; Mohammed Siraj 2/34) beat **RCB:** 137/9 (Virat Kohli 43, Washington Sundar 17; Kagiso Rabada 4/24) by 59 runs.

FRENCH OPEN 2020

TODAY'S MATCHES (Oct. 6)

Quarter-Finals

MEN'S SINGLES

> 12 Diego Schwartzman Vs 3 DominicThiem — **5.00 pm**
> Jannik Sinner Vs 2 Rafael Nadal — **8.15 pm**

WOMEN'S SINGLES

> 3 Elina Svitolina Vs Nadia Podoroska — **3.45 pm**
> Iga Swiatek Vs Martina Trevisan — **7.00 pm**

MEN'S DOUBLES

> 9 Nikola Mektic & Wesley Koolhof Vs Nicholas Monroe & Tommy Paul — **6.20 pm**

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

> Marta Kostyuk & Aliaksandra Sasnovich Vs 2 Kristina Mladenovic & Tímea Babos — **3.50 pm**
> 9 Sofia Kenin & Bethanie Mattek-Sands Vs 4 Barbora Krejčíková & Kateřina Siniaková — **5.05 pm**

NOTE: Select French Open tennis matches will be broadcast live in India on the **Star Sports 2, Star Sports 2 HD, Star Sports Select 2** and **Star Sports Select 2 HD TV channels.** Live streaming of the French Open will be available on **Disney+ Hotstar — Star's OTT platform.**

Novak Djokovic keeps title bid on track

Paris, Oct. 6- Novak Djokovic defeated Karen Khachanov in straight sets to make the French Open quarter-finals for the 11th consecutive year on Monday while Petra Kvitova returned to the last eight at Roland Garros for the first time since 2012.

Top seed and 2016 champion Djokovic won 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 against Russian 15th seed Khachanov to draw level with Rafael Nadal on a record 14 quarter-final appearances in Paris.

Djokovic faced his toughest assignment so far but Khachanov was unable to derail his bid to become the first man in half a century to win all four Grand Slam titles twice.

The Serb hit 44 winners and has yet to drop a set in the tournament, losing only 25 games in four rounds. He improved his record in 2020 to 35 wins against just one loss.

He will face Spain's Pablo Carreno Busta, the man who benefited from Djokovic's US Open disqualification.

Stefanos Tsitsipas overcame an eye problem to become the first Greek man to reach the last eight of the French Open with a 6-3, 7-6 (11/9), 6-2 win over Grigor Dimitrov.

The 22-year-old will now take on Andrey Rublev in a repeat of the recent Hamburg final which was won by the Russian.

IPL 2020

Today's Match (OCT. 6)

MI Vs RR
Sheikh Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (OCT. 7)

KKR Vs CSK
Sheikh Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Result

DC 196/4 (20 Overs) beat **RCB 137/9 (20 Overs)**

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Virat Kohli first Indian to reach 9,000 T20 runs

Dubai, Oct. 6- Virat Kohli became the first Indian batsman to reach 9,000 runs in T20 cricket. He achieved this milestone in Royal Challengers Bangalore's (RCB) IPL match against Delhi Capitals (DC) yesterday in Dubai.

Kohli came into this contest with 8,990 runs from 285 T20s and needed 10 more runs to become the first Indian to reach 9,000 runs.

Kohli is placed seventh in the list of all-time scores in T20s with Chris Gayle leading the list with 13,296 T20 runs from 404 matches followed by Kieron Pollard (10,370), Shoaib Malik (9,926), Brendon McCullum (9,922), David Warner (9,451) and Kohli's RCB teammate Aaron Finch (9,146) are ahead of the RCB and India skipper.

Kohli came into this match in good form after having hit his first IPL 2020 half-century, an unbeaten 72 against Rajasthan Royals in RCB's last outing on Saturday.

In T20 internationals, Kohli is India's highest scorer with 2794 runs closely followed by Rohit Sharma, who has 2,773 runs to his credit.

In the IPL, Kohli leads the batting charts with 5,524 runs followed by Suresh Raina (5,368) and Rohit Sharma, who crossed 5,000 IPL runs earlier this season and has 5,074 runs in his kitty.

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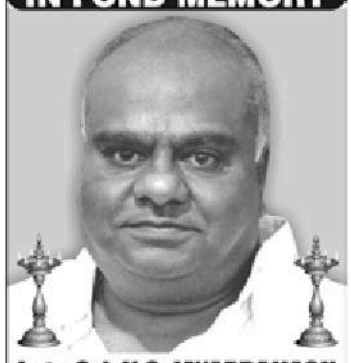

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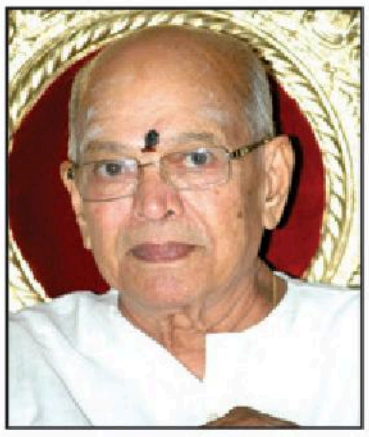

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